

# Wheat Straw

## REFERENCE MATERIAL

### Pedigree

Location: Jefferson County, ID  
Class: Classic Hard White  
Harvested: 2014

Received at INL: 2015  
Sample Preparation: Ground to pass through a 2-inch sieve using a Vermeer BG480 grinder followed by a 1-inch sieve using a Bliss Hammermill

### Composition

**Table 1.** Chemical composition<sup>a</sup> of Reference Wheat Straw

%Structural Ash	%Extractable Inorganics	%Structural Protein	%Extractable Protein	%Water Extracted Glucan <sup>b</sup>
5.50	3.37	3.07	1.19	1.56
%Water Extracted Xylan <sup>b</sup>	%Water Extractives Others	%EtOH Extractives	%Lignin	%Glucan
0.92	4.76	2.76	16.27	32.24
%Xylan	%Galactan	%Arabinan	%Acetic Acid	%Total
16.95	1.60	3.17	1.70	95.05

<sup>a</sup>Determined using NREL "Summative Mass Closure" LAP (NREL/TP-510-48087)

<sup>b</sup>Determined by HPLC following an acid hydrolysis of the water extractives

### Proximate, Ultimate & Calorimetry

**Table 2.** Proximate, ultimate, and calorific values for Reference Wheat Straw (reported on a dry basis)

Proximate <sup>a</sup>			Ultimate <sup>b</sup>					Calorimetry <sup>c</sup>	
%Volatile	%Ash	%Fixed Carbon	%Hydrogen	%Carbon	%Nitrogen	%Oxygen	%Sulfur	HHV	LHV
77.04	9.07	13.89	5.90	45.02	1.06	38.82	0.12	7742	6333

<sup>a</sup>Proximate analysis was done according to ASTM D 5142-09

<sup>b</sup>Ultimate analysis was conducted using a modified ASTM D5373-10 method (Flour and Plant Tissue Method) that uses a slightly different burn profile. Elemental sulfur content was determined using ASTM D4239-10, and oxygen content was determined by difference

<sup>c</sup>Heating values (HHV, LHV) were determined with a calorimeter using ASTM D5865-10

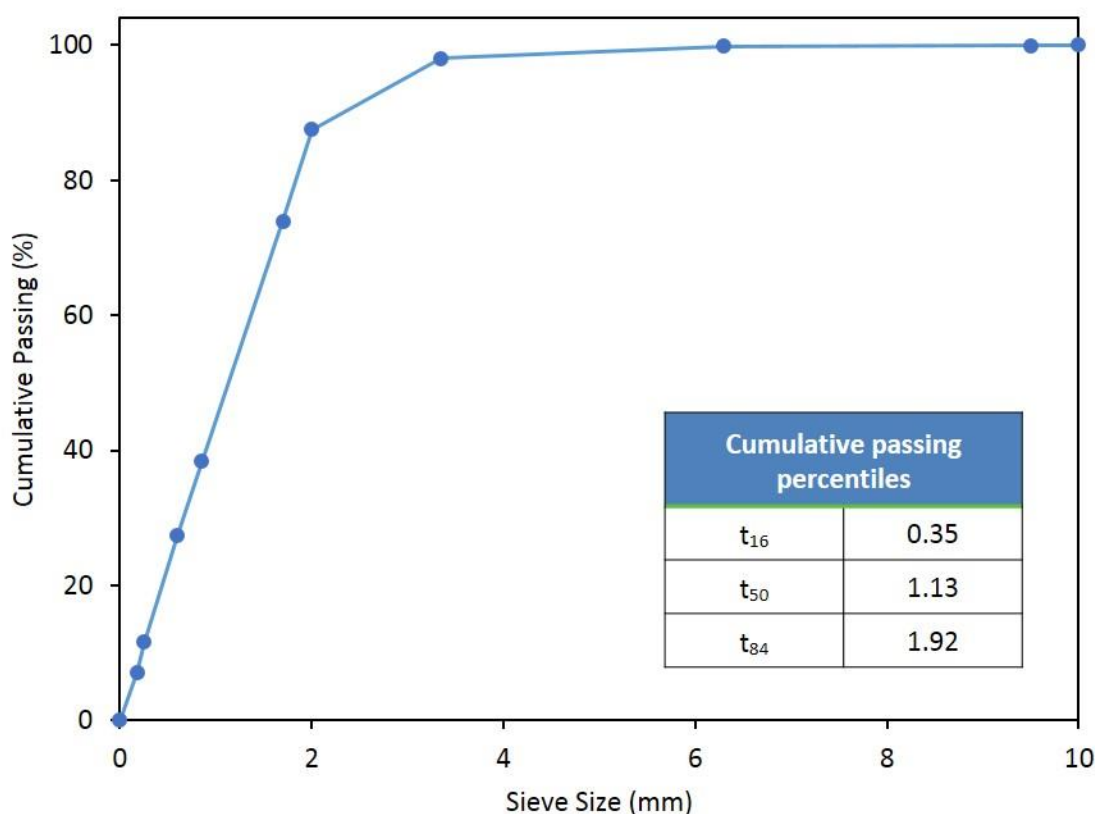
## Elemental Ash

**Table 3.** *Elemental ash composition<sup>a</sup> of Reference Wheat Straw*

%Al as Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	%Ca as CaO	%Fe as Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	%K as K <sub>2</sub> O	%Mg as MgO	%Mn as MnO	%Na as Na <sub>2</sub> O	%P as P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	%Si as SiO <sub>2</sub>	%Ti as TiO <sub>2</sub>	%S as SO <sub>3</sub>
2.77	10.83	2.99	15.45	2.69	0.07	1.16	2.15	58.16	0.11	2.34

<sup>a</sup>Determined as described in ASTM standards D3174, D3682 and D6349

## Particle Characteristics



**Figure 1.** *Cumulative passing percent of 1-inch Reference Wheat Straw determined according to ANSI/ASAE S319.4 using a Ro-Tap test sieve shaker (Model RX-29, W.S. Tyler) and a 15 minute total sieving time. The cumulative passing percentile sieve sizes (e.g.,  $t_{16}$ ) were calculated by interpolation and represent theoretical sieve sizes that would retain 16, 50 or 84% of the particles by mass.*

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